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Buck Walters (left), president of the Carpenters District Council, and Larry Hamblen, member of Millwrights Local 1102, pick-

et the use of nonunion carpenters at the Essex Club cluster housing development on Halsted, north of 12 Mile, Friday.

## Workers picket construction site

By Amy Rauch  
staff writer

Union members picketed at the Halsted Road entrance to Essex Club Condominiums, north of 12 Mile, in Farmington Hills late last week in a protest against non-union labor.

Picketers have a dispute with the developer, the Selective Group of Farmington Hills. They say the company is using non-union labor

to complete Phase 1 of the eventual 75-unit development of detached condominium homes.

The Selective Group built much of the 38-unit Phase 1 with union labor, said Larry Hamblen, a member of Millwrights Local 1102, a carpenters union. He and other protesters are opposed to continued use of any non-union labor.

IT IS common to move back and forth between union and non-union

labor during a project, said Steven Friedman, Selective Group vice president. "We use union and non-union labor throughout our projects."

Non-union labor is not always cheaper, he said. "We give them an opportunity to compete. We're always rebuilding and looking for more competitive prices."

Picketers were expected at Essex Club, Friedman said.

NO OTHER Essex Club workers other than the carpenters were picketing, Friedman said.

The construction area has both union and non-union entrances. Thirty-five union members representing plumbers and sheet metal workers as well as carpenters protested in front of the complex Thursday. Another 20 returned to protest Friday, Hamblen said.

Picketers planned to continue their protest this week.

## District: Need override to avoid cuts

By Darrell Clem  
staff writer

Walled Lake school officials will cut 13 teachers and freeze spending for supplies such as paper, pencils and crayons if voters reject a Headlee override tax increase.

Budget cuts of \$1.5 million will be required next school year unless dis-

trict voters approve the Headlee override and let their taxes increase faster than inflation, school officials said.

The first detailed list of reductions emerged one month after the school board unanimously decided to seek a Headlee override in the June 11 election.

Despite enrollment increases and

## Walled Lake School District

the scheduled opening of a new elementary school, the district would cut its work force by 18 employees: 13 teachers, two secretaries, one administrator, one custodian and one reading consultant.

School officials would drop ninth-grade athletics, field trips, junior high alternative education, the gifted and talented REACH program and the overnight camp at the Walled Lake Outdoor Education Center.

Officials would eliminate the employee wellness program, the K-12 economic education program known as DEEP, fine arts coordinators and department chairmen at the two junior high and two high schools.

Areas targeted for reductions — but not elimination — include seventh- and eighth-grade athletics, staff and program development, media center materials and capital outlay funds used to replace computers, desks, chairs and other instructional equipment.

The district also would reduce its transportation services by consolidating some bus routes.

In 1987 and 1988 voters rejected an override by large margins.

Another committee has been formed to push for passage of a 1991 Headlee override.

## Academic All-Star Team on its way

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Includes students who are looking ahead to careers in medicine, teaching, science, journalism, engineering and music. They'll spend the next four years at places like Harvard, Stanford and the University of Michigan. Afterwards their chosen field will be richer for their contributions.

The 1990 Observer Academic All-Star Team is made up of Lyle E. Biberdorf of Plymouth Christian High School, Mark Farris and Nicholas Pursor of Plymouth Canton High School, Todd Rope of Farmington Harrison High School, Michele

O'Toole and Matt Thomas of Churchill High School, Roger Buelow II of Franklin High School, Julian Sell of Plymouth Salem High School, John Richards and Leo Kowalyk III of Catholic Central High School, Joshua Ristamaki of North Farmington High School, Susan Innes and Kevin Rutkowski of Stevenson High School, Robert Conde of John Glenn High, Joe Crawford of Farmington High School and Carrie Isabell of Ladywood High School.

Be sure to read about their academic accomplishments in Thursday's Observer.

## police/fire calls

Listed below are some of the Farmington-area police incidents, fire calls and court cases reported during the past week:

### armed robbery

A gunman took \$400 from Audio & Video Inc., 12 Mile and Middlebelt, at 11 p.m. April 22.

Shortly before the robbery, a man browsed the store, said he didn't need help, then left. He then came back, produced a gun and grabbed a customer by the jacket from behind.

The robber ordered the customer to join two employees behind the counter, then demanded money. He stuffed the cash into a pocket and left in a car, Farmington Hills police said.

### drug raid

Farmington Hills police seized 12 marijuana plants, cocaine residue and drug paraphernalia in a raid on a house in the Grand River-Tuck area Tuesday afternoon.

Officers were armed with a search warrant signed by Magistrate James Brady of the 47th District Court in Farmington. The homeowner was home but no arrests were made pending continued investigation, Lt. Gordon Boss said.

The search warrant followed an anonymous tip that police received over their drug-tip hot line: 473-9599.

### squirrels saved

Farmington Hills firefighters chopped down a tree on fire on Eaton Glen and rescued three baby squirrels Tuesday evening.

The squirrels were taken to Farmington Hills resident Bev Cornell, who nurtures orphaned animals.

### suspects nabbed

Southfield police arrested two men suspected of shoplifting a pair of \$480 tennis shoes from M.C. Sporting Goods, 30854 Orchard Lake Road, at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Farmington Hills police said.

### drugs taken

Controlled substances valued at \$30 were reported stolen from the pharmacy at Botsford General Hospital, 28950 Grand River, April 23-24.

Taken were Tylenol No. 2 and Empirin No. 2 and 3 tablets and Durvan capsules.

The expired drugs had been boxed for shipment to the Drug Enforcement Administration, Farmington Hills police said.

### house fire

A wall fire in a house on the 23300 block of Cass left about \$1,500 damage at 7:30 p.m. Friday.

A propane torch flame used for sweating pipe on an outside wall adjacent to an electrical-wire-routing hole in the house framework ignited insulation inside the wall.

The house sustained minor smoke damage, according to the Farmington Department of Public Safety.

### garage fire

Damage was estimated at \$5,000 when a fire broke out in an attached garage on the 23300 block of Haynes at 2:45 a.m. Saturday. The house itself sustained some smoke damage.

The 28-year-old son of the homeowner refused on-scene treatment but was later treated at Botsford General Hospital for face and hand burns.

The cause of the fire continues to be investigated by Farmington Hills police and fire investigators, District Fire Chief Bob Rebtay said.

### shrubs uprooted

More than 50 small shrubs valued at \$2,750 were reported stolen from outside the Brooks & Layne office building at 30201 Orchard Lake, Farmington Hills, April 23-24.

### curtain slashed

Damage was estimated at \$1,000 when a stage curtain in the auditorium at Farmington High, 32000 Shilawassee, was slashed sometime April 24-25.

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**ACHILLES TENDINITIS**

You may develop pain that comes from the back of the foot. As long as you don't walk, you have no discomfort, but taking even a single step brings a sharp rebuke by your foot.

Moving your ankle shows that this joint is intact, but flexing your ankle up re-creates the pain in the back of the foot. This combination of results indicates that you have achilles tendinitis.

The usual cause is injury. Weekend and elderly athletes are at risk: tennis over age 50, racquetball at any age, and volleyball as played by those under age 30 are examples where your foot is subject to sudden stops and turns which can lead to a tear in the achilles tendon.

In most cases, stopping the activity that caused the tendinitis suffices to allow the tendon to heal. Heat is useful, but injections are not. The reason is because the tendon is thick, and the fibers that are irritated lie within the tendon and are not exposed to the tissue surface bathed in medication.

Usually the body will make its own repair. You must give this process time as healing must take place under the conditions of everyday activities, forgoing the therapeutic effect of rest.

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